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Contact with Identities 1 and 2

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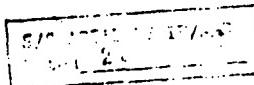
I. SUMMARY.

There was no contact with Identities during May-June 1972 when [REDACTED] was on Home Leave and had an opportunity to discuss the case with Headquarters officers, including Fletcher M. KNIGHT. After his return to Hamburg, [REDACTED] met Identities on 10 July, had one meeting with Identity 1 alone on 21 July, and met both of them again on 3 August 1972. We have now reached the stage where Identity 1 has expressed desire to accept recruitment by BKTRUST, reveal all her sources, and furnish us with information on MHHARSH and other nationals of interest to us. Identity 2, contrary to his earlier enthusiasm, now seems to have the viewpoint that the "open support" of the current FRG government by LNLUTE makes it questionable whether it would be worthwhile (for him) to cooperate with BKTRUST on a steady basis. Despite his apparent skepticism, and his relatively heavy critique of LNLUTE policies in Europe and elsewhere, Identity 2 has proposed to remain in loose contact with us through Identity 1.

II. OPERATIONAL.**1. Identity 1**

a. During our three above-mentioned meetings with Identity 1 - two of them in the presence of Identity 2 - [REDACTED] gained the impression that her desire to become an asset of BKTRUST is genuine, and that this desire is based on a combination of idealistic and material motivations. Contrary to Identity 2 - who is a fanatical nationalist and anti-Communist, and who would still prefer to fight his

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enemies with the methods used in the "Third Reich" - Identity 1 is a much more subtle and sophisticated individual with international interests and with democratic ideas. She feels that her contribution to BKTRUST - no matter how small - would help to maintain freedom in the West, and she took the initiative by volunteering to provide us with whatever information we may need. She agreed to furnish us with a list of all her contacts among the Bloc refugees (who have contact with relatives and friends in their respective homelands) and the news media (she is a free-lance journalist), and to provide us on a continuing basis with her daily analysis of the MHHARSH press. Demonstrating her independence, she commented in Identity 2's presence that she often disagrees with latter's "narrow-minded political ideas", but added that this does not disturb their friendship. Identity 2, who was asked whether he had any objections to Identity 1's firm contact with BKTRUST, gave a negative answer and added jokingly that this left the door open for him in the future.

b. If firmly recruited Identity 1 could be a worthwhile addition to our current assets - note her fluency in MHHARSH language - and we are planning to submit her PRQ I & II after our next meeting with her. What requires further study from the security viewpoint is her current personal relationship (which used to be intimate in the past) with Identity 2. We definitely do not want him and HIAG to be aware of our operational assignments given to Identity 1.

2. Identity 2

a. An unexpected change in Identity 2's attitude vis-a-vis BKTRUST was noticeable already during our first meeting (10 July) with him after J's return to Hamburg. When informed that approval had been granted for his cooperation with BKTRUST, and that we should now discuss the necessary administrative and operational details - including the table of organization of his so-called "Kameradschafts-ND" - Identity 2 became evasive and commented that "certain events had forced him to review his previous desire to cooperate with BKTRUST". Responding to J's polite prodding, Identity 2 referred first to the ratification of the "Ostvertrage" by the FRG - calling it a definite victory for Communists - and added that it had been "a tremendous blow" to him personally that LNLUTE had apparently approved the ratification. Following through, Identity 2 stated that many ranking members of HIAG had also been badly shaken by LNLUTE's open support of BRANDT's policy, and that such support had created strong anti-WOCORK sentiments among them. Consequently, Identity 2 added, he could no longer figure with their support in his efforts to collect intelligence for BKTRUST, and such activity would therefore be meaningless. When reminded that J had repeatedly warned him not to mention his contact with BKTRUST to his HIAG friends, Identity 2 commented that "the damage had been done in the past" - during Identity 3's visit to Germany - when it had become "general knowledge" among HIAG leadership that he was in close touch with a personal friend (Identity 3) of Fletcher M. KNIGHT. Making it a condition of his ~~possible~~ future cooperation with us, Identity 2 then proposed that J personally meet his deputy in the "Kameradschafts-ND" (Para 4.d., Reference), plus "a few other ranking HIAG members", in an attempt to convince them that BKTRUST offers them a fair play, and that it would be in their interest to cooperate with us. It was politely explained to Identity 2 that such a proposal did not match with our operational concept, and that if he was still interested in cooperating with us he should do it alone, and on our terms, i.e. he should be willing to take direction and identify his sources of information. Identity 2 then asked for time to think it over, and it was decided to meet again on 21 July 1972.

b. Identity 2, who failed to keep the 21 July meeting, passed his apologies through Identity 1, stating that he had to attend an important political rally in his home district. J used the opportunity to firm his contact with Identity 1 (Para II., 1. above) asked the latter to inform Identity 2 that there was no time pressure,

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on our part, and that he left the initiative to Identity 2 to arrange the next meeting.

c. The 3 August 1972 meeting took place on Identity 2's initiative, and was an eye-opener regarding his true personal sentiments vis-a-vis BKTRUST, LNLUTE, and WOCORK in general. Opening the meeting with the statement that he was wondering whether [] could stand some "brutally open critique of LNLUTE policies", Identity 2 then started a long anti-WOCORK tirade covering everything from the "Vietnam fiasco" to our support for Israel. Coming to a conclusion, Identity 2 summarized LNLUTE's worldwide actions as "naive", "outright stupid", and in many areas "entirely contrary to German interests". Consequently, Identity 2 stated, his active and meaningful support of BKTRUST - which appears to be unable to exercise positive influence on LNLUTE - remains "beyond his imagination". Responding to []'s remark that we always welcome constructive and unbiased critique from any party, Identity 2 stated that he would gladly provide us with periodic written reports about LNLUTE's "political mistakes" in Europe - provided that he could retain a copy and "go on record", if he deems it necessary, that such reports have been submitted to BKTRUST. When asked to clarify "going on record", Identity 2 explained that he may want to show these copies to his HIAG colleagues sometime in the future if it proves that BKTRUST is not in a position to change the current pro-MEEHARSH and anti-GERMAN course of LNLUTE's policy (?). [] was again forced to remind Identity 2 politely that we could not accept any conditions from him, and that we were better off without such reporting.

d. When asked whether he and the HIAG people were also perhaps unhappy with the CDU/CSU (whom they have provided with political reports so far), Identity 2 flared up about "BARZEL's soft attitude during the ratification debates in the Bundestag", and stated that HIAG and other organizations representing "the real Germans" are forced to take the fate of Germany into their own hands from now on. Identity 2 commented in this connection that the ratification of the "Ostvertrage" has brought all patriotically-minded groups closer together, and that a roof-organization, ARST (Aktiven, Reservisten, Soldaten- und Traditionenverbände), consisting of members of the Bundeswehr, Bundeswehr reserve organizations, World War II soldiers' organizations, and refugee organizations was recently founded in Bavaria. According to Identity 2, the aim of this organization is (1) to act as a counter-force to the "government-sponsored" Socialist and Communist organizations in the FRG, (2) lead the population back to patriotism and the feeling of national honor, and (3) to abolish any foreign influence (cultural, political, and financial) in Germany and in entire Europe. The official statutes of the organizations state simply that its goal is to establish a unified Europe. Identity 2 predicted that the organizations now under the central leadership of ARST are ready "to fight the leftists in the streets", and that major riots could be expected in case the current FRG government should remain in power after the next elections.

e. Before departing, Identity 2 commented that his critical attitude should not be interpreted as an act of hostility, and that he did not want to close the door to BKTRUST entirely, i.e. he would prefer to remain in loose contact with us through Identity 1, and provide us with information which he considers of interest to BKTRUST. He repeated, however, that he would not divulge his sources under any circumstances because he does not want to jeopardize their security.

f. Identity 2 was told politely that we were sorry not to be able to accept his conditions, but that we will leave the door open for further exchange of ideas if he should change his mind and decide to reveal all his sources and operate under our directions. In such case, he could always contact us through Identity 1.

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III. COMMENTS.

1. We are glad that we managed to learn Identity 2's true feelings in this early stage of our contact with him. He is apparently a fanatic and a dreamer who has refused to learn from the past, and who could do serious damage if permitted to operate under BKTRUST flag in his own and in HIAG's interest. Although he has indicated that he does not want to break contact with us entirely, and that he may have some information for us in the future, we would like to recommend that we drop him in a graceful fashion.

2. As stated in Para II.1.b. above, we are planning to proceed with the recruitment of Identity 1 - provided that she is willing to maintain secrecy vis-a-vis Identity 2 - whom we could well use in our efforts directed against PCS MHHARSH and visiting AEGLOBE targets.

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SEPARATE COVER ATTACHMENT

EGGA-5443, 10 August 1972

IDENTITIES

Identity 1 - Inge GEHRICH

Identity 2 - Dr. Guenter SYRUP

Identity 3 - John TOLAND

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